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SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
HIAWASSEE CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 2, 2016 MEETING

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The Hiawassee City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. Elected officials present included Barbara Mathis, Mayor, Stephen Smith, Jay Chastain, Jr., Kris Berrong, Anne Mitchell and Liz Ordiales. Staff present included Cenlya Galloway, Clerk, Arvel Walls, Acting Chief, Police Department and Rick Stancil, City Manager. A quorum of the Council was present.

Call to Order by Mayor Mathis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kris Berrong, Council Member.  
The Invocation was given by Stephen Smith, Council Member.

I. Introduction of Guests, Mayor's Announcements & Agenda Adoption.

1. Mayor's introduction of guests.

Mayor Mathis welcomed those in attendance. A Sign-In Sheet was passed around.

2. Mayor's Announcements.

3. Adoption of Final Agenda as Distributed.

Upon Motion made by Jay Chastain, Jr. and seconded by Liz Ordiales the Council unanimously adopted the Final Agenda.

II. Council Presentations.

- a. Jay Chastain, Jr. spoke on a City Referendum for Sunday Sales in the City.
- b. Stephen Smith spoke on City Beautification.
- c. Kris Berrong made no remarks.
- d. Liz Ordiales spoke on several issues including 2016 elections.

III. Public Presentations.

- a. Ms. Callie Moore of the Hiawassee Water Rivershed Coalition,

Inc. spoke on the state of Lake Chatuge and related issues including efforts to improve lake quality.

- b. Connie Fisher gave a brief update and report on the Hiawassee Ambassador's Program.

#### IV. Regular Business Items.

1. Motion to adopt Minutes of the January 5, 2016 regular Council Meeting as distributed.

Upon Motion made by Jay Chastain, Jr. and seconded by Kris Berrong, the Council voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the January 5, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.

2. Motion to adopt and approve the November 2015 Financial Statements as distributed.

Upon Motion made by Anne Mitchell and seconded by Jay Chastain, Jr., the Council unanimously adopted the November 2015 Financial Statements.

3. Motion to adopt and incorporate into the minutes the City Manager's February 2016 Written Report as previously distributed.

Upon Motion made by Jay Chastain, Jr., and seconded by Liz Ordiales, the Council unanimously adopted the City Motion to adopt and incorporate into the minutes the City Manager's February 2016 Written Report as previously distributed.

4. A City Accountant Report was made by Lisa Strickland with Chapman & Chapman. There were several questions by Council members.

5. Don Baker with EMI was available for Council Questions regarding Engineering and current projects.

6. City Manager's Report.

Rick Stancil was available for Council Questions regarding the Manager's Written Report or other projects the Council might wish an update on.

V. Motions, Resolutions and Ordinances.

- a. Motion to adopt Resolution Approving 2016 Fines and Fees in Hiawasse Municipal Court.

This Resolution will be held until next month.

- b. Motion to approve loan from United Community Bank for purchase of Police Car.

Upon Motion made by Jay Chastain, Jr., and seconded by Liz Ordiales, the Council unanimously approved a loan from United Community Bank for the purchase of Police Car.

- c. Resolution to approve Interfund Transfer.

Upon Motion by Stephen Smith and seconded by Liz Ordiales, the Council unanimously approved an Interfund Transfer per the Audit and amended the 2015-16 Budget to reflect said transfer.

- d. Resolution to authorize a General Fund Credit Card through United Community Bank in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

Upon Motion made by Jay Chastain, Jr. and seconded by Anne Mitchell, the Council unanimously approved the Resolution to authorize a General Fund Credit Card through United Community Bank in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

- e. Hiawasse Resolution authorizing the surplus and sale of the 2007 Ford Explorer (police department).

Upon Motion made by Stephen Smith and seconded by Kris Berrong, the Council unanimously approved the surplus and sale of the 2007 Ford Explorer used by the Hiawasse Police Department.

VII. Additional Business.

Stephen Smith, Council Member, announced that effective at the end of this Regular Council session, he is resigning as a member of the Council. The reason given was for extenuating and personal family circumstances.

Darrin Wright was not on the Agenda but interrupted presentations several times to speak and/or disrupt Council business. At the end of the public meeting, he was asked by the Mayor to leave so that the Council could continue its business session and go into Executive Session.

VI. Executive Session.

a. Motion to go into Executive Session for Attorney Briefing:

1. Status of Litigation; and
2. Personnel Evaluation.

Mr. Stancil announced that there would be no Attorney Briefing on Litigation and that the sole issue to be discussed in Executive Session would be Personnel Evaluation.

Upon motion made by Jay Chastain, Jr. and seconded by Liz Ordiales, the Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Evaluation.

b. Motion to return to Public Session from Executive Session.

Upon Motion made by Jay Chastain, Jr. and seconded by Liz Ordiales, the Council unanimously voted to return to Public Session.

VII. Motion to Adjourn.

There being no further business, upon Motion made by Stephen Smith, and seconded by Anne Mitchell, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn.